



HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/ Guardians:

The Hawthorne School District is pleased to announce the return of its Preschool Program for the 2025-2026 school year. Housed at Jefferson Elementary School, these classes help ensure that Hawthorne preschool children have the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare them for social, emotional and academic success in our schools.

To be eligible for this class, all students must be three years of age on or before October 1, 2025 and be toilet trained. A birth certificate, copy of immunizations, a medical exam, and proof of Hawthorne residency will be required for those students admitted to the program. All children enrolled will attend five half-days each week, with both morning and afternoon sessions available. **Space is limited. Those students who participated in the three year old class during the 2024-2025 school year will be given priority for their return in the four year old class for the 2025-2026 school year.** All remaining openings will be determined by lottery if the number of applicants exceeds the available spaces. **Please keep in mind that transportation to and from school will not be provided by the school district and is the responsibility of the parent.**

If needed, a waiting list will be developed consisting of additional names in order of the draw. All applicants will be notified of their enrollment status during the first week of April.

In order to subsidize the cost of this program, the Hawthorne Board of Education is charging tuition for each general education child in the amount of \$3,000 for the ten month program that follows the Hawthorne Public School District Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. Payments for accepted students are due as follows:

\$300 non-refundable deposit due May 2, 2025

\$900 payment due September 12, 2025

\$900 payment due January 9, 2026

\$900 payment due April 10, 2026

The application for general education students will be accepted until **March 14, 2025** and is available online at <https://www.hawthorneschools.org> or via this [Google Form](#).

Parents who have further questions may contact Dr. Kristen Trabona at (973) 427-1300 x 2009 or via email at ktrabona@hawthorneschools.org.

Thank you,
Dr. Kristen Trabona
Director of Education